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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This paper is filed under the provisions of Rule 116 and MPEP 714.12. The application has been appealed, and in the preparation of the appeal brief, Applicants realized that certain amendments should be made for the purpose of clarification of the issues on appeal. Certain 05/25/2001 psameradoverous language in response to the Final Rejection mailed September 13, 2000. The

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ameliantes herein presented respond to the issues raised in the Final Rejection, and will not present any unreasonable burden, or necessitate an additional search. The amendments contained herein could not have been earlier presented. Applicants reviewed the application and claims after receiving the Final Rejection and while preparing the Appeal Brief, and believe that the amendments herein presented are responsive to the rejection and place the case in better condition for appeal. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.